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To: All School Districts and County Superintendents of Schools

Subject: **COST ESTIMATE FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

To assure that new construction funds are spent in accordance with the intent of the State Allocation Board (SAB) and legislation of Senate Bill 50, the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) requires a cost estimate of the work in the plans and specifications (P&S) for the project, signed by the architect of record or other design professional, to be submitted with the new construction *Application for Funding* (Form SAB 50-04). The cost estimate shall not include cost associated with site acquisition, planning, test, inspection or furniture and equipment or any other work or service not a part of the construction contract. This cost estimate will be required prior to the processing of an application for new construction funding. If your district has already submitted an *Application for Funding* (Form SAB 50-04) to the OPSC for new construction funding and the application has not yet been funded by the SAB, please submit the cost estimate as soon as possible so your application processing may be completed.

New construction *Application for Funding* (Form SAB 50-04) submittals **must include this cost estimate along with the P&S for the project**, or it will be returned to the district without processing. If the new construction application was received by the OPSC no later than June 11, 1999, the OPSC will not return the application to the district if this cost estimate was not submitted; however, the OPSC will not process the application until it has been received.

If the amount of the cost estimate required above is at least 60% of the combined state grant and local matching share for the project, less site acquisition costs, the application will be processed for SAB consideration as a "consent" item on the agenda. If the amount of the cost estimate required above is less than 60% of the combined state grant and local matching share for the project, less site acquisition costs, the application will not be processed for SAB consideration. However, the district may request that the application be presented as a "special" item in order to advise the SAB of the amount of funding requested by the district compared to the estimated amount of funding needed for the project as indicated by the cost estimate. To clarify this issue, at the SAB meeting scheduled for June 23, 1999, the OPSC will present an item to amend the SB 50 Regulations to address this issue.

Should you have questions regarding the above, please contact your Project Manager.

Sincerely,

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